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12 Day Pre-Runoff Report (1/1/98-2/18/98)

Dear Mr. Powdrell:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-Schedule A of your report discloses a contribution(s) which appears to exceed the limits set forth in the Act (copies attached). You should conduct a review of all of your contributions to determine the rest of the excessives that your committee may have received. As you check for additional excessives, you should review the committee's procedures for handling the receipt of contributions.

Schedule A of your report also discloses contributions received after the Primary Election which are designated for the primary. These contributions may be accepted to the extent that the committee has net debts outstanding from the primary. (11 CFR § 110.1(b)(3)(i))

An individual or a political committee other than a qualified multicandidate committee may not make a contribution to a candidate for federal office in excess of \$1,000 per election. A qualified multicandidate committee may not make a contribution to a candidate for federal office in excess of \$5,000 per election. The term "contribution" includes any gift, subscription, loan, advance, or deposit of money or anything of value made by any person for the purpose of influencing any election for federal office. (2 U.S.C. §441a(a) and (f); 11 CFR §110.1(b), (e) and (k))